RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NOV 0 1 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): David M. STRAVITZ

Attorney Docket No. 03567/LH

Serial No. : 10/702,205

Filed: November 4, 2003

For : MULTI-SECTION RETAINING/

SORTING/BROWSING APPARATUS

Art Unit : 3634

Examiner : NOVOSAD, JENNIFER ELEANORE

Customer No.: 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, the term for response to which expires on November 5, 2005.

RESTRICTION

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-17, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Group (c), Figures 3C and 4C, and sub-species (ii), Figure 7, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

TOTAL PAGES: 2 I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, on the date noted below.

Nalini P. Sahadeo

Dated: November 1, 2005

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by credit card payment, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper to Account No. 06-1378.

عام

Serial No. 10/702,205 Response to Office Action Customer No. 01933

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on the elected invention, species and sub-species are claims 1 and 3-16. Claims 1, 3-6, 10-12 and 14 are generic to the species disclosed in Figures 3A and 4A, 3B and 4B and 3C and 4C, and the sub-species disclosed in Figures 6, 7, 8 and 8A.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted

Leonard Holtz, Eson Reg. No. 22,974

FRISHAUF HOLTZ GOODMAN & CHICK, P.C. 220 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001-7708 Tel. No. (212) 319-4900 Fax No. (212) 319-5101 LH:br